SO THIS WAS THEIR NEXT LIKELY TARGET, TROST, THE DISTRICT CLOSEST TO SHIGANSHINA.

THE SURVEY CORPS REPORT PREDICTED THE TITANS WOULD APPEAR FROM THE SOUTH.

THE PRECISE LOCATION WAS THE SHIGANSHINA DISTRICT, SOUTH OF WALL MARIA, WHERE THE TITANS BROKE THROUGH FIVE YEARS AGO, AND WHERE THE THREE OF US HAD LIVED...

Trost District

Shiganshina District

DOT PIXIS IS THE HIGHEST-RANKING COMMANDER OF THE SOUTHERN TERRITORY, WHICH INCLUDES TROST DISTRICT.

HE HAS BEEN INVESTED WITH FULL AUTHORITY TO DEFEND HUMANITY'S MOST IMPORTANT DISTRICTS.

NOPE, STILL DON'T SPOT ONE...

...

AND... HE'S ALSO KNOWN AS AN INVETERATE ECCENTRIC...

I REALLY WOULDN'T MIND BEING EATEN, AS LONG AS IT WAS BY A STUNNINGLY BEAUTIFUL LADY TITAN...

Hyooooooo

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MEETING THEM WITHOUT GUARDS, WHEN WE STILL HAVE NO IDEA WHAT THEY ARE...!

WHAT COULD THE COMMAND-ER BE THINKING ?!

HYOOOOOOO

...

AH... VERY GOOD ...

RUSTLE RUSTLE

CAPTAIN! THE TROOPS ARE IN FORMA-TION.

RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE

SO YOU BELIEVE THAT BASEMENT ROOM WILL GIVE YOU ALL THE ANSWERS ...?

I SEE ...

HYOOOOOOO

CAN YOU BELIEVE ME, SIR?

...

...

YES ...

STILL ...

EVEN YOU YOURSELF DON'T HAVE CONVINCING PROOF...

...I EXPECT I'LL BE ABLE TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF IT, BY AND BY.

'TIL THEN, I'LL PERSONALLY GUARANTEE YOUR SAFETY.

...SO I THINK I'LL JUST KEEP IT FILED AWAY IN MY HEAD FOR NOW.

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE THAT?

OR WERE YOU JUST DESPER-ATE TO STAY ALIVE?

EARLIER, YOU MENTIONED THAT IF WE USED THE "TITAN'S POWER" OR WHAT-HAVE-YOU, IT WOULD BE POSSIBLE TO RECAPTURE THIS TOWN, TROST DISTRICT...

...IS IT?

TRAINEE ARMIN...

YES, SIR!

... BOTH, SIR.

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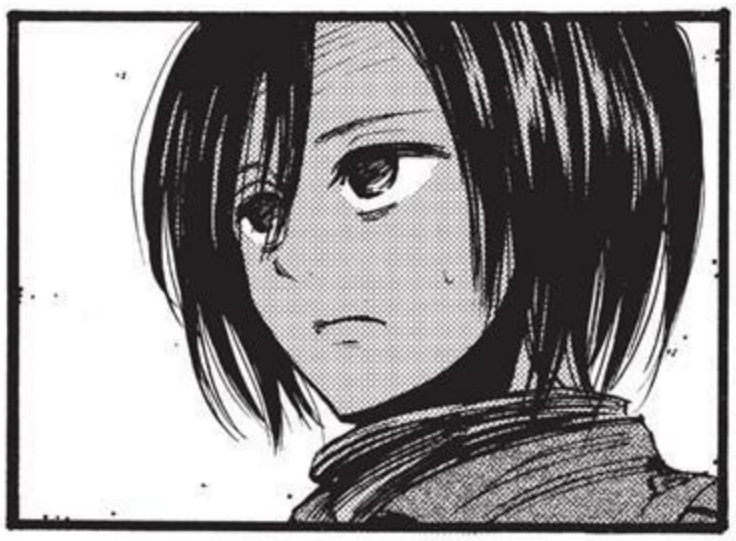
IT WAS ...

...IS THAT EREN COULD TURN INTO A TITAN, CARRY THAT BOULDER OVER TO THE DESTROYED GATE, AND PLUG IT UP.

WHAT I TRIED TO SAY THEN...



OF COURSE, I WAS ALSO DESPERATE TO SAVE OUR OWN LIVES...

...BUT I WAS HOPING THE CAPTAIN WOULD AT LEAST SENSE THE POSSIBILITY THAT THE POWER EREN POSSESSES COULD HELP GET US OUT OF OUR CURRENT PREDICAMENT...

IT'S JUST A THOUGHT THAT OCCURRED TO ME...

TRAINEE EREN...

SHF

?!

CAN YOU PLUG UP THAT HOLE?

I'LL SEAL IT OFF, SIR!

NO MATTER WHAT...!

...!

LET'S WORK OUT A STRATEGY !

FWISH

WHERE'S MY COUNCIL ?!

SLAP SLAP

YOU'RE A REAL MAN!

WELL SAID!

HE MEANS TO CARRY IT OUT **NOW** ...?!

IT WAS JUST AN IDEAL-ISTIC NOTION I HAD...

RIGHT NOW ...?!

BUT ...

WHA ...?!

WHAT ...?

THE TITANS AREN'T OUR ONLY ENEMY.

COMMANDER PIXIS SEES THE SITUATION CORRECTLY.

I THOUGHT THE SAME THING, BUT BEFORE WE ACTUALLY DO GO AHEAD WITH THE PLAN, THERE'S A MORE FUNDAMENTAL PROBLEM...

HYOOOOOOO

CHFF CHFF

...YOUNG SOLDIERS.

OOOOOO

YOU'RE GOING TO BE HEROES ...

OOOOOO

EVERY MINUTE COUNTS HERE.

YOU GOTTA BE KIDDING! HOW CAN WE, WHEN WE DON'T EVEN HAVE THE TECH-NOLOGY TO SEAL THAT HOLE...?!

NOW?!

CHATTER CHATTER

A PLAN TO TAKE BACK TROST?!

DAMN IT... DO THE COMMAND-ERS WANT GLORY THAT BAD?

BUZZ

AS LONG AS WE CAN'T PLUG THAT HOLE... ALL WE'LL BE ABLE TO DO IS DIE DEFENDING WALL ROSE...

BUZZ

WHAT THE HELL ARE THEY THINKING?! SENDING US INTO TROST DISTRICT IS NOTHING BUT A DEATH SENTENCE!

LET ME SEE MY FAMILY!

NO! I DON'T WANNA DIE!

DAZ! **KEEP IT DOWN!**

BACK...

...TO THAT HELL?

US COMMITTING MASS SUICIDE WON'T ACCOMPLISH ANYTHING!

YES, I DO!

DO YOU INTEND TO ABANDON YOUR DUTY, SOLDIER?!

I HEARD THAT!

YOU OVER THERE!

MURMUR MURMUR

RMMMMMMMMMMMM

!!

IT'S 100 TIMES BETTER THAN BEING EATEN BY A TITAN...

GO AHEAD ...

FWSH

YOU KNOW, I HAVE THE AUTHOR-ITY TO EXECUTE YOU WHERE YOU STAND!

WHAT ABOUT HUMANITY, BOY... WHAT ABOUT **DISCI-PLINE ?!**

MURMUR

I DON'T BLAME HIM, GIVEN THE SITUATION ...

MURMUR

HEY... DID YOU HEAR THAT ...?

MURMUR MURMUR

CHFF
!!
AH...
HEY, YOU!
...
EVEN I'D LIKE TO AT LEAST CHOOSE HOW I DIE...
YOU THINK SOME-ONE OVER HERE WILL DISOBEY, TOO...?
RUSTLE
MAKE A BIG SCENE! WITH AS MANY PEOPLE AS POSSIBLE!
EH?!
RUSTLE
DO IT!
I-I WAS ONLY KIDD-ING...
GET OUT OF HERE AND GO WHERE, SIR?
WHETHER WE'RE HERE OR NOT, THAT GATE'S COMIN' DOWN!
I'M GONNA GO SEE MY DAUGHTER!
WE CAN TAKE AD-VANTAGE OF THE CHAOS AND GET OUTTA HERE!
A LOT OF US IN THE GARRISON AREN'T HAPPY WITH THE WAY THINGS ARE RUN!

HUMAN BEINGS WERE CONSTANTLY MURDERING EACH OTHER OVER TRIBAL DISPUTES AND IDEOLOGIES.

WE'RE TOLD THAT BEFORE THE TITANS TOOK OVER THE LAND...

WHAT'S YOUR OPINION, SON?

IF A POWERFUL, NON-HUMAN ENEMY APPEARED, HUMANITY WOULD PROBABLY UNITE AND STOP FIGHTING ITSELF.

BACK THEN, SOMEONE SUPPOSEDLY SAID...

FRANK-LY, IT'S DULL.

I THINK IT'S PRETTY ROSY.

BUT ...

I'VE NEVER HEARD THAT LEGEND...

...I THINK WE'RE FAR FROM UNITED.

EVEN NOW, WHEN THAT "POWERFUL ENEMY" HAS DRIVEN US INTO A CORNER ...

YOUR PERSONALITY'S JUST AS TWISTED AS MINE.

HA HA HA ...

...

HYOOOOOOO

INDEED... BUT I BELIEVE IF WE DON'T ALL COME TOGETHER SOON... EVEN CONTINUING TO FIGHT MAY BE TOO MUCH FOR US...

EREN ?!

!

BUT FROM HIS DEMEANOR, I'M GUESSING MIKASA AND ARMIN ARE ALL RIGHT, TOO...

LITTLE SHIT... I'M HIS SUPERIOR OFFICER ...!

Fwish

IS HE SAYING I SHOULD FOCUS ON MY DUTY ?!

MM ?

THEN HE'S SAFE?!

...IS EREN STANDING RIGHT NEXT TO THE COMMAND-ER?!

AHEM ...

WHY...

...?

ATTEN...

TWITCH

...TOO ON!

THE GOAL OF THIS OPERATION WILL BE TO PLUG--

FWOOOO

OOOO

I WILL NOW EXPLAIN OUR STRATEGY TO RECAPTURE TROST DISTRICT!!

...IN THE BROKEN GATE!!

...THE HOLE...

HOW ...

PLUG THE HOLE ...?

WHAT THE ...?!

...

...EREN YEAGER, OF THE TRAINING CORPS!

WE HAVE A WAY TO SEAL THE HOLE, BUT FIRST I WANT TO INTRODUCE YOU TO...

...THE HELL DO WE DO THAT?

!!

EREN ?!

WHA --?! E...

HE IS ABLE TO PURIFY THE BODY OF A TITAN AND CONTROL IT AT WILL!

WE'VE BEEN CONDUCTING TOP SECRET EXPERIMENTS ON TITAN TRANSFORMA-TION, AND THIS SOLDIER IS OUR FIRST SUCCESS!

WHAT ?!

HEY... I MUST'VE MISHEARD THE COM-MANDER JUST NOW...

MUMBLE

...OR AM I JUST AN IDIOT ?!

MUMBLE

WELL ?!

KEEP YOUR TRAP SHUT FOR A MINUTE... IDIOT.

...CARRY IT OVER, AND USE IT TO BLOCK THE HOLE!

HE WILL TURN INTO A TITAN, PICK UP THE BOULDER NEAR THE GATE...

...WHILE HE'S CARRYING THE ROCK!

SOLDIERS, YOUR TASK IS TO PROTECT HIM FROM THE OTHER TITANS...

NO, THAT'S ALL RIGHT. GO ON.

S--SORRY. A TRAINEE HAS NO BUSINESS CUTTING INTO THE CONVERSA-TION...

WE WON'T NEED TO ENGAGE THE TITANS?

LATER ON, WE CAN USE OUR CANNONS TO TAKE THEM DOWN, THEREBY MINIMIZING CASUALTIES.

THAT WAY, THE MAJORITY OF THE SOLDIERS WON'T NEED TO HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH THE TITANS, AND WE'LL KEEP THEM CLEAR OF EREN.

SINCE TITANS REACT TO AND PURSUE **GROUPS** OF PEOPLE...

...WE CAN USE THAT TO OUR ADVANTAGE, PLACING A LARGE NUMBER OF TROOPS TO LURE MANY TITANS FAR AWAY FROM THE GATE.

AND NEVERTHELESS, THERE'S NO WAY TO AVOID FIGHTING THE TITANS THAT COME IN THROUGH THE HOLE... OVERCOMING THAT PROBLEM DEPENDS ON THE SKILLS OF THAT A-LIST SQUAD.

STILL, WE CAN'T AFFORD TO LEAVE EREN DEFENSELESS, SO I THINK A SMALL SQUAD OF CRACK TROOPS SHOULD BE THERE TO PROTECT HIM.

SINCE WE'VE GOT NO GUARANTEE OF THAT, I HAVE MY DOUBTS ABOUT THE OPERATION.

THE PLAN IS PREDICATED ON EREN CARRYING THE ROCK AND PLUGGING THE HOLE.

THE ONLY THING IS...

ALL RIGHT, GOT IT... LET'S REVISE THE PLAN BASED ON YOUR IDEAS.

EVEN AS WE SPEAK, THE TITANS ARE STILL SPILLING THROUGH THE GAP.

ONE FACTOR IS TIME.

...BUT I CAN UNDER-STAND WHERE COM-MANDER PIXIS IS COMING FROM.

IT'S NATURAL TO FEEL SOME DOUBT SENDING HUNDREDS OF TROOPS TO THEIR LIKELY DEATHS WHEN THE CORE OF THE STRATEGY IS UNCERTAIN...

BESIDES THAT, THE LONGER WE WAIT, THE HIGHER THE PROBABILITY THAT WALL ROSE WILL BE BREACHED, TOO.

WE'LL HAVE NO PRACTICAL HOPE OF RETAKING THE TOWN ONCE IT'S FILLED UP WITH TITANS.

THERE'S A LIMIT TO HOW FAR PEOPLE CAN BE PUSHED BY FEAR ALONE...

AND THERE'S ONE MORE REASON.

IT'S A LIE!

CAN HUMANS FINALLY CONTROL THE TITANS?!

IS THAT POSS-IBLE ...?

LIFT UP THAT ENOR-MOUS STONE...

WE'RE NOT DISPOSABLE BLADES!

WHAT DO YOU TAKE US FOR?! WE'RE...

YOU EXPECT ME TO GIVE UP MY LIFE FOR SOME NONSENSE LIKE THAT?!

THEY PROBABLY FIGURED MOST OF US WOULD BELIEVE THAT CRAP... HOW DUMB DO THEY THINK WE ARE?

A HUMAN WEAPON, HUH?

M-ME TOO ...

ME TOO!

CHFF

THEY EXPECT US TO STAY HERE AND DIE? COUNT ME OUT!

I'M GONNA SPEND HUMANITY'S LAST DAYS WITH MY FAMILY!

FWSH

HEY, WAIT! DESERT-ERS ARE KILLED!

...WE'LL LOSE ALL DISCI-PLINE!

HMMM

OH, MAN...

DAMN IT...

HEY... AT THIS RATE...

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OOOO

OOOO

RIGHT NOW! I'LL CUT YOU DOWN BEFORE YOU TAKE ANOTHER STEP!

SHIK

I HOPE YOU'RE PREPARED TO DIE, TRAITORS!

ANYONE WHO LEAVES RIGHT NOW WILL GO UNPUNISHED!

ROARRR

UP-ON MY OR-DER!

SIR...

WHA --?!

ANYONE WHO HAS SUCCUMB-ED TO TERROR OF THE TITANS SHOULD LEAVE HERE!

IF YOU HAVE GIVEN IN TO YOUR FEAR OF THE TITANS, YOU WILL NEVER BE ABLE TO STAND AGAINST THEM AGAIN!

AND!

SHOULD LEAVE AS WELL!!

ROARR

ANYONE WHO WANTS THEIR PARENTS, SIBLINGS AND LOVED ONES TO FEEL THAT SAME TERROR FOR THEM-SELVES...

CHFF

BECAUSE MY DAUGH-TER...

...I WON'T ...

...LET THEM DO.

THAT'S THE ONE THING ...

CHFF CHFF

...IS MY LAST HOPE.

CHFF

...BUT I UNDERSTAND MY ROLE.

I DON'T KNOW IF I WILL BE STRONG ENOUGH AS A TITAN TO PICK UP THAT ROCK...

I... HAVE TO BECOME...

...BUT EVEN SO... ...I HAVE TO SUCCEED.

I MAY BE AN IMPOS-TOR...

...EVERYONE'S HOPE.

ABOUT THE OPERATION TO RECLAIM WALL MARIA!

LET'S TALK ABOUT WHAT HAPPENED FOUR YEARS AGO!

FWOOOO

BUT IT WAS REALLY JUST A WAY FOR AN OVERBUR-DENED GOVERNMENT TO REDUCE THE NUMBER OF UNEMPLOYED THEY HAD TO FEED!

"OPERATION TO RECLAIM" SOUNDS GOOD, DOESN'T IT?

I DON'T THINK I NEED TO REMIND YOU OF IT...

...BECAUSE YOUR BROTHERS AND SISTERS IN ARMS WERE FORCED TO GO OUTSIDE IT! THAT SIN BELONGS TO ALL OF HUMANITY, INCLUDING ME!!

OOOO

WHAT NO ONE DARES TO SAY IS THAT WE HAVE BEEN ABLE TO SURVIVE WITHIN THE WALL'S NARROW CONFINES...

BEHIND OUR FINAL BARRIER, WALL SHEENA, WE COULD ONLY AFFORD TO FEED HALF OF THE WORLD'S SURVIVING HUMAN BEINGS!

IF WALL ROSE IS BREACHED, IT WON'T BE NEARLY ENOUGH TO SACRIFICE 20% OF THE POPULATION!

BUT WHAT ABOUT NEXT TIME?!

THE RESIDENTS OF WALL MARIA WERE A MINORITY, SO OPEN WAR NEVER BROKE OUT.

IT WILL BE BECAUSE WE ANNIHILATED EACH OTHER!

IF HUMANITY DIES OUT, IT WON'T BE BECAUSE THE TITANS DEVOURED US!

DIE HERE!

WE CANNOT DIE INSIDE YET ANOTHER WALL! GIVEN THE CHOICE...

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A LOT BETTER THAN WHEN WE WERE SURROUND-ED...

ALL RIGHT ...

EREN... HOW DO YOU FEEL?

HYOOOOOOO

R-RIGHT!

WE'RE COUNT-ING ON YOU!

...BUT IF YOU'RE GOING TO PLUG UP THAT HOLE, I DON'T CARE WHAT YOU ARE... MY TOP PRIORITY IS PROTECTING YOU.

HE CALLED YOU A TOP SECRET HUMAN WEAPON OR SOME-THING...

TA TA TA TA

GOOD SIGN THAT EVERYONE ELSE IS SUCCESS-FULLY LURING THEM AWAY.

LOOKS LIKE THERE AREN'T ANY TITANS AROUND AT THE MOMENT.

WE'VE ALMOST REACHED THE SHORTEST ROUTE TO THE ROCK.

...HUMANITY HASN'T BEATEN THEM, NOT ONCE.

SINCE THE TITANS APPEARED...

...WE'VE BEEN STRIPPED OF ALL BUT A SLIVER OF OUR TERRITORY.

WITH THEM ALWAYS ADVANCING...

...AND HUMANITY ALWAYS RETREATING...

...IT WILL BE THE FIRST TIME WE'VE EVER TAKEN OUR LAND BACK!

BUT WHEN THIS OPERATION SUCCEEDS...

HERE!

LET'S GO!

DA DA DA DA DA DA DA

AND IN THAT MOMENT ...

...FOR THE FIRST TIME...

...WE'LL TRIUMPH OVER THE TITANS!

WHOOOSH

WHOOOSH

WHOOOSH

HWOOOOOO

FWOOOO

COMPARED TO WHAT'S BEEN TAKEN FROM HUMANITY...

...IT MAY BE A SMALL THING.

FWOOOO

FWOOOO

CHOMP

BUT IT WILL MEAN WE'VE FINALLY MANAGED...

FWISH

...AN ATTACK ON THE TITANS.

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BY HUMAN STAND-ARDS ...

CRACK CRACK

...THAT ROCK IS WAY TOO HEAVY TO LIFT ...

WHUD WHUD

EREN ?

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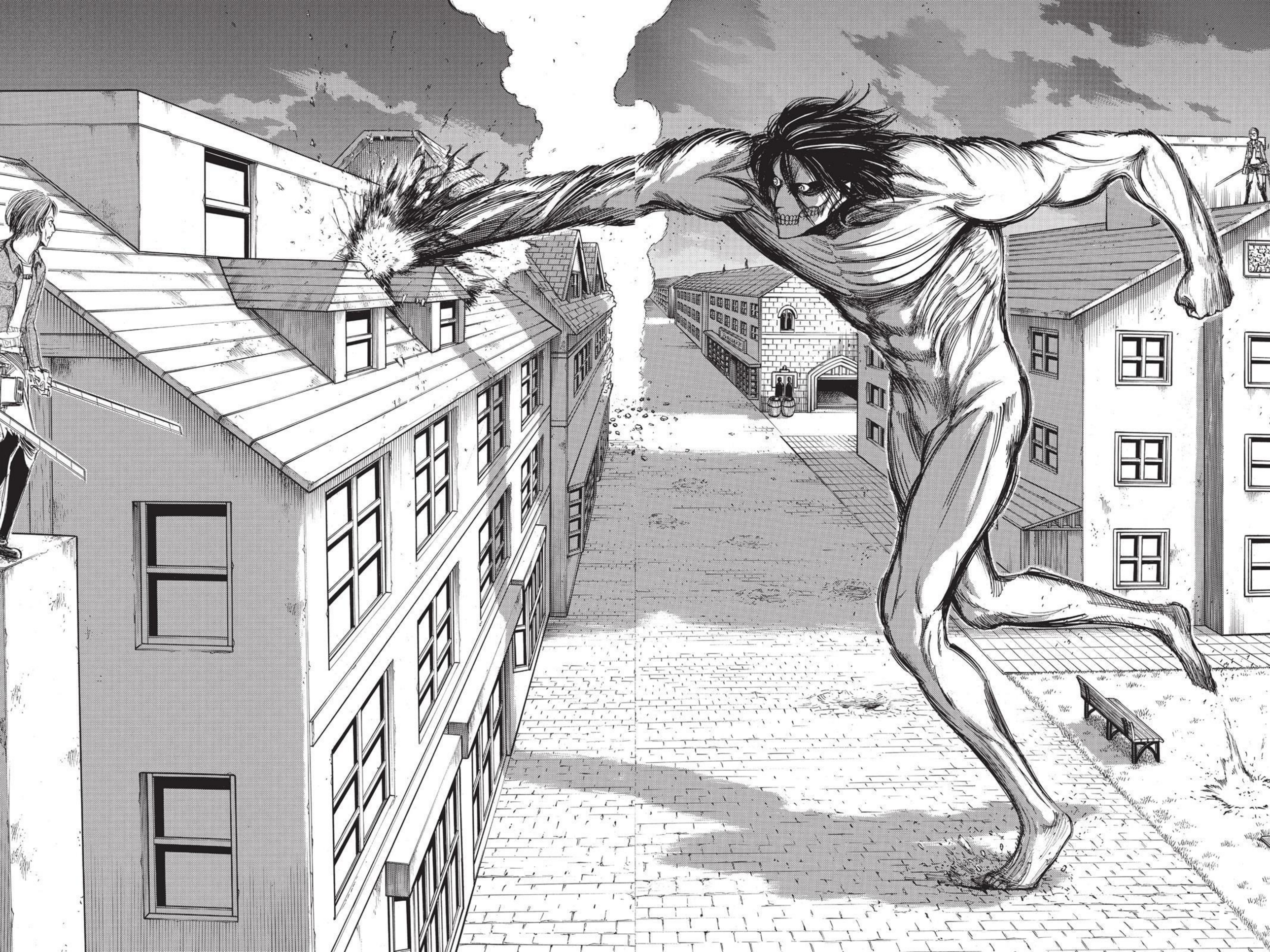
...HAS THE STRENGTH TO GUIDE US.

...BUT I KNOW THAT EREN...



ATTACK ON TITAN